

University of Dayton eCommons

News Releases

Marketing and Communications

6-13-1991

UD Provost Named to National Board of National Conference of Christians and Jews

Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls

Recommended Citation

"UD Provost Named to National Board of National Conference of Christians and Jews" (1991). *News Releases*. 7138.
https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/7138

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.



The University of Dayton

News Release

June 13, 1991

Contact: Jim Feuer

UD PROVOST NAMED TO NATIONAL BOARD OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

DAYTON, Ohio -- The Rev. James L. Heft, S.M., provost of the University of Dayton, has been elected to the national board of trustees of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ).

Heft, who will serve a three-year term on the national board, was nominated by board members of the Dayton region NCCJ. Heft is in his second year on the Dayton NCCJ board and is a member of the board's program committee.

The national board represents the NCCJ's regional offices on the national level.

Heft joins on the national board two other members of the Dayton region board--Ralph E. Heyman, an attorney with the firm of Chernesky, Heyman & Kress, and John C. Stahler, a retired anesthesiologist.

Heft, UD's provost since 1989, served as chair of UD's religious studies department from 1983 to 1989. His scholarship has centered on historical and systematic theology and in recent years has focused on ecumenical and interfaith questions.

-more-

Heft also has studied the history of higher education in the United States and published articles on the tradition of academic freedom. In 1988, he was invited to work as a consultant on academic freedom with the Bishops and Presidents Committee of the National Catholic Conference of Bishops. In 1990, he chaired sessions on Catholic education and presented a paper on academic freedom at "25 Years After Vatican II," a national conference in Washington, D.C.

Heft has written dozens of books, articles and book reviews. In 1988, his article "What Catechists Should Teach About the Jews" was published in The Catechist and reprinted in the Dayton Jewish Chronicle.

Founded in 1927 as a non-profit human relations organization, NCCJ has worked toward "a society free from racial and religious bias and bigotry, a society in which Americans of every ethnic origin and cultural background can live together in harmony and mutual respect."

-30-

For media interviews, contact the Rev. James L. Heft, S.M., at (513) 229-2245.